

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1, 2, and 4-9, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording on a recording medium by a recording head comprising:
 - ~~feeding means~~ a feed roller for feeding recording ~~media~~ medium one by one;
 - a conveying ~~means~~ roller for conveying a recording medium fed by the ~~feeding means~~ feed roller to a recording area; and
 - a discharge roller for discharging a recording medium from the recording area;

and

 - control means adapted to start the feeding of a succeeding recording medium by said feed roller before the discharge of a preceding recording medium by said discharge roller,
 - wherein said control means determines a timing for starting the feeding of the succeeding recording medium by said feed roller in accordance with a leading end margin amount of the succeeding recording medium.

~~recording means for performing a record on the recording medium conveyed by the conveying means;~~

~~wherein when a succeeding recording medium is fed during discharge of a recording medium in which the record has been completed, a feed start timing for the feeding means is determined in accordance with a leading end margin amount for the succeeding recording medium.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising detecting means for detecting the recording medium conveyed between the ~~feeding means~~ feed roller and the conveying roller means, wherein the feed start timing is determined based on a time when the recording medium in which the record has been completed is detected by the detecting means.

3. (Original) A recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein when the recording medium in which the record has been completed is passing a detecting position of the detecting means on a start of a discharge operation of the recording medium, the feed start timing of the succeeding recording medium is determined by tempered with a passing movement amount of the recording medium.

4. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~feeding means~~ feed roller and the conveying ~~means~~ roller are driven by different driving means.

5. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according claim 1, wherein
said control means performs a control operation comprising:

~~feeding means for feeding recording media one by one;~~

~~conveying means for conveying a recording medium fed by the feeding means~~
~~to a recording area;~~

~~recording means for performing a record on the recording medium conveyed by the conveying means;~~

~~discharging means for discharging the recording medium from the recording area; and~~

~~controlling means, in a case a preceding recording medium is discharged by the discharging means and a succeeding recording medium is fed by the feeding means, for controlling the feeding means so that a period of time when a trailing end of the preceding recording medium to be discharged is passed through a predetermined position to a start of feeding of the succeeding recording medium by the feed roller feeding means is shorter, as a leading end margin amount of the record on the succeeding recording medium becomes is longer.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising detecting means for detecting the recording medium conveyed between the feed roller and the conveying roller, wherein the predetermined position is a position where in the predetermined position, wherein when the preceding recording medium is discharged by the discharging means and the succeeding recording medium is fed by the feeding means, the controlling means controls the feeding means so that a period of time from a time when the trailing end of the preceding recording medium to be discharged is passed through detected by the detecting means to the start of feeding of the succeeding recording medium by the feeding means is shorter, as the leading end margin of the record to the succeeding recording medium becomes longer.

7. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 7,
wherein when the discharge of the preceding recording medium by said discharge roller is
started, said comprising:

~~feeding means for feeding recording media one by one;~~

~~conveying means for conveying a recording medium fed by the feeding means~~
~~to a recording area;~~

~~recording means for performing a record on the recording medium conveyed by~~
~~the conveying means;~~

~~discharging means for discharging the recording medium from the recording~~
~~area; and~~

~~controlling means; in a case a preceding recording medium is discharged by the~~
~~discharging means and a succeeding recording medium is fed by the feeding means, for~~
~~controlling the feeding means~~ controls a control operation so that a period of time from a start of
discharge of the preceding recording medium to a start of feeding of the succeeding recording
medium is shorter, as a distance between a predetermined position and a trailing end of the
preceding recording medium downstream of the predetermined position on the start of discharge
is longer.

8. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 7,
further comprising detecting means for detecting the recording medium conveyed between the
feed roller and the conveying roller, wherein in the predetermined position, ~~wherein when the~~
~~preceding recording medium is discharged by the discharging means, the controlling means~~

~~controls the feeding means so that the period of time from the start of discharge to the start of feeding of the succeeding recording medium is shorter, as a conveyance distance from a detection of is a position where the trailing end of the preceding recording medium is passed through by the detecting means to the start of discharge thereof becomes longer.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 7 ~~or~~ 8, wherein said control means controls a control operation ~~the controlling means controls the feeding means~~ so that the period of time from the start of the discharge of the preceding recording medium by said discharge roller to the start of feeding of the succeeding recording medium by said feed roller is shorter, as a leading end margin amount of ~~the record on the~~ succeeding recording medium ~~becomes~~ is longer.